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# The Supreme Court seems poised to reject efforts to kick Trump off the ballot over the Capitol riot

By **MARK SHERMAN**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court seems poised to reject attempts to kick former President Donald Trump off the 2024 ballot, with conservative and liberal justices in apparent agreement in a case that puts them at the heart of a presidential election.

A definitive ruling for Trump, the leading Republican candidate for president, would largely end efforts in Colorado, Maine and elsewhere to prevent his name from appearing on the ballot.

The justices could act quickly, possibly by Super Tuesday on March 5, when Colorado, Maine and 13 other states will hold primaries.

Conservative and liberal justices alike questioned during arguments Thursday whether Trump can be disqualified from being president again because of his efforts to undo his loss in the 2020 election to Democrat Joe Biden, ending with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Their main concern was whether Congress must act before states can invoke a constitutional provision that was adopted after the Civil War to prevent former officeholders who "engaged in insurrection" from holding office again. There also were questions about whether the president is covered by the provision.

In the first ruling of its kind, Colorado's Supreme Court decided that the provision, Section 3 of the 14th amendment, could be applied to Trump, who the court found incited the Capitol attack. But on a Supreme Court that prefers to avoid cases in which it is the final arbiter of a political dispute, the justices appeared to be searching for a consensus ruling and the issue of congressional action seemed to draw the most support.

Justice Elena Kagan was among several justices who wanted to know "why a single state should decide who gets to be president of the United States."



**Myra Slotnick of Provincetown, Mass., holds placards in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, in Washington.**



**Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump speaks at his Mar-a-Lago estate Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, in Palm Beach, Fla.**

Eight of the nine justices suggested that they were open to at least some of the arguments made by Jonathan Mitchell, Trump's lawyer at the Supreme Court. Trump could win his case if the court finds just one of those arguments persuasive.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor sounded most skeptical of Mitchell's arguments, though she too might not vote to uphold the Colorado ruling that found that Trump "engaged in insurrection" and is ineligible to be president. In another sign of trouble for the Colorado voters who sued to remove Trump from the ballot, the justices spent little time talking about whether Trump actually "engaged in insurrection" following the 2020 election.

Lawyer Jason Murray, representing the voters, pressed the point that Trump incited the Capitol attack to prevent the peaceful handover of power "for the first time in history."

Mitchell argued that the Capitol riot was not an insurrection and, even if it was, Trump did not directly participate.

Trump, speaking to reporters after the proceedings, called the Supreme Court argument "a beautiful thing to watch in many respects," even as he complained about the case being brought in the first place.

"I hope that democracy in this country will continue," he told reporters at his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. Trump could be back be-

fore the Supreme Court in a matter of days to seek an emergency order to keep his election subversion trial on hold so he can appeal lower-court rulings that he is not immune from criminal charges.

That issue had a brief airing Thursday, when Justice Brett Kavanaugh said a more legally sound approach to disqualifying someone from office is found in a federal criminal statute against insurrection.

Someone prosecuted for insurrection "if convicted, could be or shall be disqualified" from office, Kavanaugh said.

Mitchell agreed, but with a caveat, Trump's claim of immunity.

"So we would not concede that he can be prosecuted for what he did on January 6th," Mitchell said.

Chief Justice John Roberts worried that a ruling against Trump would prompt efforts to disqualify other candidates, "and surely some of those will succeed."

Trump's lawyers argue that the amendment can't be used to keep Trump off the ballot for several reasons. For one thing, they contend the Jan. 6 riot wasn't an insurrection, and even if it was, Trump did not go to the Capitol or join the rioters. The wording of the amend-

ment also excludes the presidency and candidates running for president, they say. Even if they are wrong about all of that, they argue that Congress must pass legislation to reinvigorate Section 3.

Sotomayor at one point gently mocked part of Mitchell's argument for why Trump is not covered by Section 3.

"A bit of a gerrymandered rule, isn't it, designed to benefit only your client?" Sotomayor said.

The lawyers for Republican and independent voters who sued to remove Trump's name from the Colorado ballot counter that there is ample evidence that the events of Jan. 6 constituted an insurrection and that Trump incited it.

They say it would be absurd to apply Section 3 to everything but the presidency or that Trump is somehow exempt. And the provision needs no enabling legislation, they argue.

But Murray face sustained, difficult questioning across the high-court bench, including from Justice Neil Gorsuch and Kagan, two justices for whom Murray once worked as a clerk.

If the court in the end upholds the Colorado decision, it would amount to a stunning declaration that Trump did engage in insurrection and is barred by the 14th Amendment from holding office again.

That would allow states to keep him off the ballot and imperil his campaign.

The justices could opt for a less conclusive outcome, but with the knowledge that the issue could return to them, perhaps after the general election in November and in the midst of a full-blown constitutional crisis.

Trump is separately appealing to state court a ruling by Maine's Democratic secretary of state, Shenna Bellows, that he was ineligible to appear on that state's ballot over his role in the Capitol attack. Both the Colorado Supreme Court and the Maine secretary of state's rulings are on hold until the appeals play out. □

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# AI-generated voices in robocalls can deceive voters. The FCC just made them illegal

By ALI SWENSON  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday outlawed robocalls that contain voices generated by artificial intelligence, a decision that sends a clear message that exploiting the technology to scam people and mislead voters won't be tolerated.

The unanimous ruling targets robocalls made with AI voice-cloning tools under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, a 1991 law restricting junk calls that use artificial and prerecorded voice messages.

The announcement comes as New Hampshire authorities are advancing their investigation into AI-generated robocalls that mimicked President Joe Biden's voice to discourage people from voting in the state's first-in-the-nation primary last month.

Effective immediately, the regulation empowers the FCC to fine companies that use AI voices in their calls or block the service providers that carry them. It also opens the door for call recipients to file lawsuits and gives state attorneys general a new mechanism to crack down on violators, according to the FCC.

The agency's chairwoman, Jessica Rosenworcel, said bad actors have been us-



Jessica Rosenworcel, a Federal Communications Commission commissioner, speaks during hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 24, 2020.

ing AI-generated voices in robocalls to misinform voters, impersonate celebrities and extort family members.

"It seems like something from the far-off future, but this threat is already here," Rosenworcel told The Associated Press on Wednesday as the commission was considering the regulations. "All of us could be on the receiving end of these faked calls, so that's why we felt the time to act was now."

Under the consumer protection law, telemarketers generally cannot use automated dialers or artificial or prere-

corded voice messages to call cellphones, and they cannot make such calls to landlines without prior written consent from the call recipient. The new ruling classifies AI-generated voices in robocalls as "artificial" and thus enforceable by the same standards, the FCC said.

Those who break the law can face steep fines, with a maximum of more than \$23,000 per call, the FCC said. The agency has previously used the consumer law to clamp down on robocallers interfering in elections, including imposing a \$5 million fine on

two conservative hoaxers for falsely warning people in predominantly Black areas that voting by mail could heighten their risk of arrest, debt collection and forced vaccination.

The law also gives call recipients the right to take legal action and potentially recover up to \$1,500 in damages for each unwanted call.

Josh Lawson, director of AI and democracy at the Aspen Institute, said even with the FCC's ruling, voters should prepare themselves for personalized spam to target them by phone, text

and social media.

"The true dark hats tend to disregard the stakes and they know what they're doing is unlawful," he said. "We have to understand that bad actors are going to continue to rattle the cages and push the limits." Kathleen Carley, a Carnegie Mellon professor who specializes in computational disinformation, said that in order to detect AI abuse of voice technology, one needs to be able to clearly identify that the audio was AI generated.

That is possible now, she said, "because the technology for generating these calls has existed for awhile. It's well understood and it makes standard mistakes. But that technology will get better."

Sophisticated generative AI tools, from voice-cloning software to image generators, already are in use in elections in the U.S. and around the world. Last year, as the U.S. presidential race got underway, several campaign advertisements used AI-generated audio or imagery, and some candidates experimented with using AI chatbots to communicate with voters.

Bipartisan efforts in Congress have sought to regulate AI in political campaigns, but no federal legislation has passed, with the general election nine months away. □

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## Pentagon finishes review of Austin's failure to tell Biden and other leaders about his cancer

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Pentagon has completed its review of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's failure last month to quickly notify the president and other senior leaders about his hospitalization for complications from prostate cancer and how the notification process can be improved, but no other details were provided.

The 30-day review was submitted to Austin on Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, the

Pentagon press secretary, said portions of the review are classified but the department will release what it can of the review.

Austin has been scrutinized for keeping secret his prostate cancer diagnosis in early December, his surgery and his hospitalization on Jan. 1, when he began suffering complications from the procedure.

Ryder has acknowledged that he and other public affairs and defense aides were told on Jan. 2, that Austin had been hospitalized but did not make it

public and did not tell the military service leaders or the National Security Council until Jan. 4. Only then did President Joe Biden find out. It took another four days before the reason for his hospitalization was disclosed.

And while he transferred decision-making authorities to Deputy Secretary Kathleen Hicks during his initial surgery on Dec. 22, and then again when he was in intensive care in early January, he did not tell her why.

The review was directed



Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, right, and Kenya's Defense Minister Aden Duale, left, listen during the National Anthem during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024.

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on Jan. 8, by Austin's chief of staff, Kelly Magsamen, and was done by Jenni-

fer Walsh, the Pentagon's director of administration and management. □



## 200 victims allege child sex abuse in Maryland youth detention facilities

By **LEA SKENE**

**Associated Press**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Since Maryland lawmakers eliminated the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse lawsuits last year, the number of victims suing the state's juvenile justice agency has grown to 200.

The latest lawsuit, which was filed Thursday on behalf of 63 plaintiffs, alleges rampant abuse at 15 juvenile detention facilities. Some of them have since closed while others remain in operation.

At least 10 other complaints alleging abuse of incarcerated youth were filed previously under a Maryland law change that went into effect in October, opening the doors for victims of childhood sexual abuse to sue regardless of their age or how much time has passed. Lawmakers approved the change with the Catholic Church sexual abuse scandal in mind after a scathing investigative report revealed the scope of the problem within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. But in recent months, an unexpected spotlight has settled on the state's juvenile justice system.

The pending cases could encounter significant delays because the Child Victims Act is facing a widely anticipated constitutional



**A Maryland State Police trooper vehicle sits outside the Victor Cullen Center, April 8, 2018, in Sabillasville, Md.**

challenge that must first be resolved.

The wave of litigation also comes as Maryland lawmakers seek to strengthen oversight of the state's juvenile justice system and consider rolling back some reform measures enacted in 2022, a proposal that critics say will likely result in more children behind bars.

The complaint filed Thursday chronicles what the plaintiffs' attorneys call a systemic problem that permeates Maryland's network of juvenile detention facilities. The allegations span several

decades from 1969 to 2017. The state's Department of Juvenile Services has long faced criticism for inadequate conditions inside its facilities.

Eric Solomon, a spokesperson for the department, said the agency had not yet been served with the most recent lawsuit.

Among the plaintiffs in Thursday's complaint is a woman who said she was only 7 when she endured abuse at Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center in 1992. According to the complaint, an abusive staff member

commented that she was the youngest girl in the unit and promised to "protect her in exchange for compliance with the abuse." That facility was closed in 2022. Many plaintiffs said their abusers offered them extra food, phone calls, time outside and other rewards. Others said they received threats of violence, solitary confinement, longer sentences and transfer to harsher facilities.

In addition to correctional officers, the complaint includes accusations against nurses, librarians, teachers,

counselors and more. Many victims claim they reported the abuse, but facility administrators did nothing to address it.

One teenage victim was hospitalized because of complications from two sexually transmitted diseases she contracted from repeated rapes, according to the complaint. That alleged abuse occurred at the Montrose School in Baltimore County not long before its closure in 1988.

A male victim said two guards would enter his cell at night and take turns beating, restraining and raping him. He was detained at Baltimore's still-operating Charles H. Hickey Jr. School in the early 2000s. The victim sought treatment for injuries sustained during the assaults, but the doctor didn't believe him, according to the complaint.

In a separate lawsuit filed in December, plaintiffs called the Hickey school a "hotbed of sexual abuse" and accused the Department of Juvenile Services of turning a blind eye for decades.

Jerome Block, an attorney representing the plaintiffs in the most recent case, said some of the problems documented in the complaint are likely ongoing. "There's no reason to believe anything has changed," he said. □

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**Firefighters work at the scene where two police officers were injured while responding to reported standoff in East Lansdowne, Pa., on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

By **MATT ROURKE and TASSANEE VEJPONGSA**

**Associated Press**

**EAST LANSDOWNE, Pa. (AP)** — Six members of a family — including three children

— are feared dead, an official said Thursday, from a fire at a house in suburban Philadelphia that went up in flames as two police officers who responded to the scene

## 6 members of Philadelphia area family are feared dead in house fire and shooting, prosecutor says

were shot and injured. Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer told reporters that a human torso and a rifle were recovered from the home in East Lansdowne, but he cautioned that the probe is in its early stages. Stollsteimer said the shooter may have been inside the house when it was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. He said the family residing there has the surname of Le but otherwise did not release names.

The fire did so much damage it may not ever be possible to determine how it started or who did the shooting, Stollsteimer said.

"If we ever determine it, it

won't be any time soon," Stollsteimer said outside a hospital where he was preparing for the release of one of the wounded officers.

A retired public transit police officer who lives near the home told the Delaware County Daily Times he heard a "succession" of shots, some before police arrived.

"You heard that first shot, then it was a pause," the Rev. Tracy Mallory said. "Then it was rapid shots, about four to six. Then it was about two more." Lansdowne Officer David Schiazza, 54, was injured in the leg and was greeted by fellow officers and other well-wishers when he was discharged Thursday afternoon.

East Lansdowne Officer John Meehan, 44, required lengthy surgery to his arm and could be released by Friday, Stollsteimer said. Both have more than two decades with their respective departments.

Firefighters remained on the scene Thursday as wisps of smoke were visible from the charred remains of the house. Heavy machinery moved into the neighborhood as investigators were examining the home.

An excavator was being used to tear down the walls left standing after the fire gutted the building, scooping debris to be sifted by investigators. A medical examiner's office vehicle was there. □



## U.N. experts take Russia to task over deported Ukrainian children and a 'military agenda' in schools

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — A panel of U.N.-backed experts that focuses on children's human rights called Thursday on Russia to prevent efforts to rewrite school curricula and textbooks to reflect the government's "political and military agenda," including over the war in Ukraine.

The Committee on the Rights of the Child held two days of hearings in Geneva last month before presenting its findings on conditions in Russia. The examination was part of a regular review that all U.N. member countries receive.

Bragi Gudbrandsson, the committee's vice chair, said that the panel highlighted the killings and injuries of hundreds of children through "indiscriminate attacks" by Russia in Ukraine by using explosive weapons. He cited measures to strip deported Ukrainian children of their nationality and give them Russian citizenship. The Ukrainian government and "other sources" indicated that about 20,000 Ukrainian children had been forcibly deported, though it was difficult to determine exact numbers,



From left, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Philip Jaffe, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Ann Skelton, and Vice-Chair Bragi Gudbrandsson, present its findings on Bulgaria, Congo, Lithuania, Russia, Senegal and South Africa, during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.

he said. "Russia denied this," he added.

"It is our conclusion that there are (is) evidence of forced transfer of children from Ukraine to Russia," said Gudbrandsson, a former director-general of Iceland's child protection agency. Russian officials attended the committee's Jan. 22-23 hearings. The Russian diplomatic mission in Geneva didn't immediately respond to a request from

The Associated Press seeking comment, but said that a response would come from Moscow.

The 18-member committee of independent experts last examined Russia's record on children's rights a decade ago. It also urged the Russian government to investigate war crime allegations against President Vladimir Putin's commissioner for children's rights. In March 2023, the Interna-

tional Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova, his children's rights commissioner, accusing them of abducting children from Ukraine.

The U.N. committee, in its concluding observations, said it was "deeply concerned" about the allegations of Lvova-Belova's responsibility and urged Russian authorities to "investigate allegations of

war crimes perpetrated" by her. It didn't mention the allegations against Putin.

The Russian government has faced international condemnation over deportations of Ukrainian families, including children, to Russia following Putin's order for Russian troops to launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. It also has come under recent scrutiny over the alleged interference by Putin's ruling party in schools and policies that put a positive spin on Russia's war effort.

The Russian delegation headed by Alexey Vovchenko, a deputy minister of labor and social protection, denied during last month's hearings that any Ukrainians were forcibly removed from their country. He said that 4.8 million residents of Ukraine including 770,000 children had been taken in by Russia.

The committee also denounced the alleged "widespread and systematic state propaganda in schools about the war in Ukraine," including through the issuance of a new history textbook and a new training manual for teaching the government's positions on the conflict. □

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## Germany's Scholz heads to Washington, seeking a clear signal to Putin on aid for Ukraine

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz pushed for further U.S. and European aid for Ukraine as he set off Thursday for a visit to Washington, declaring it was time to send Russian President Vladimir Putin a "very clear signal" that the West won't let up on supporting Kyiv.

Scholz is to meet members of the Congress later in the day and President Joe Biden on Friday. His visit comes after wartime aid for Ukraine was left hanging in the Senate as Republicans blocked a bipartisan

border package that had been tied to the funding, then struggled to coalesce

around a plan to salvage the aid for Kyiv.

Scholz didn't mention that



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz boards a plane at the military section of Berlin Brandenburg Airport to fly to the USA, in Schönefeld, Germany, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.

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directly in a statement to reporters before his departure, and took no questions. But he said a key issue now is "how Europe, but also the United States, can perpetuate support for Ukraine."

"What has been pledged so far in Europe and what has been pledged by decisions of the American Congress isn't yet enough," he said.

"So we must achieve a way for all of us together to do more."

Germany is stepping up aid for Ukraine this year, planning more than 7 billion euros (\$7.5 billion) for weapons deliveries despite a do-

mestic budget crisis. It has delivered air-defense systems, tanks and armored personnel carriers among other aid since Russia's full-scale invasion started and is now Kyiv's second-biggest supplier, after the U.S. Leaders of the 27-nation European Union, of which Germany is the most populous member, last week sealed a deal to provide Ukraine with 50 billion euros in support for its economy. Berlin is making "a very big contribution, but it won't be enough on its own if sufficient support doesn't come together everywhere," Scholz said. □



# A volcano in Iceland is erupting again, spewing lava and cutting heat and hot water supplies

By **MARCO DI MARCO**  
Associated Press

**GRINDAVIK, Iceland (AP)** — A volcano in southwestern Iceland erupted Thursday for the third time since December, sending jets of lava into the sky, triggering the evacuation of the popular Blue Lagoon geothermal spa and cutting heat and hot water to thousands of people.

The eruption began at about 0600 GMT (1 a.m. EST) along a three-kilometer (nearly two-mile) fissure northeast of Mount Sýlingarfell, the Icelandic Meteorological Office said. Several communities on the Reykjanes Peninsula were cut off from heat and hot water after a river of lava engulfed a supply pipeline. The strength of the eruption had decreased by mid-afternoon, the Met Office said, though lava continued to spew from parts of the fissure and a huge plume of steam rose over a section of the crack where magma mixed with groundwater.

The eruption site is about 4 kilometers (2½ miles) northeast of Grindavik, a coastal town of 3,800 people that



**Lava spills onto the road to Grindavik, close to the exit for the Blue Lagoon, in Grindavik, Iceland, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.**

was evacuated before a previous eruption on Dec. 18. The Meteorological Office said there was no immediate threat to the town on Thursday.

Civil defense officials said no one was believed to be in Grindavik at the time of the new eruption. "They weren't meant to be, and we don't know about any," Víðir Reynisson, the head of Iceland's Civil Defense, told

national broadcaster RUV. The Civil Defense agency said lava reached a pipeline that supplies several towns on the Reykjanes Peninsula with hot water which is used to heat homes from the Svartsengi geothermal power plant. Authorities urged residents to use hot water and electricity sparingly, as workers rushed to lay an underground water pipe as

a backup. Schools, gyms and swimming pools were shut because of the lack of heat and water.

The Blue Lagoon thermal spa, created using excess water from the power plant, was closed when the eruption began and all the guests were safely evacuated, RUV said. A stream of steaming lava later spread across the exit road from the spa.

No flight disruptions were reported at nearby Keflavik, Iceland's main airport, but hot water was cut off, airport operator Isavia said. The Icelandic Met Office earlier this week warned of a possible eruption after monitoring a buildup of magma, or semi-molten rock, below the ground for the past three weeks. Hundreds of small earthquakes had been measured in the area since Friday, capped by a burst of intense seismic activity about 30 minutes before the latest eruption began.

Dramatic video from Iceland's coast guard showed fountains of lava soaring more than 50 meters (165 feet) into the darkened skies. A plume of vapor rose about 3 kilometers (1½ miles) above the volcano. Iceland, which sits above a volcanic hot spot in the North Atlantic, averages an eruption every four to five years. The most disruptive in recent times was the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano, which spewed huge clouds of ash into the atmosphere and led to widespread airspace closures over Europe. □

Associated Press

# After coups, West African nations hurry to leave the regional bloc that opposed military takeovers

By **CHINEDU ASADU**  
Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — The coup-hit nations of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are in haste to quit West Africa's regional bloc without following its rules of exit, the body said Thursday as its ministers met to deliberate on growing division and political tension in the region. At the ministerial meeting in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, the bloc known as ECOWAS faulted claims made by the countries' juntas that their unprecedented decision to withdraw their membership was because of the coup-related sanctions the bloc imposed on their countries instead of

supporting their development and peace efforts. The three juntas announced late last month

that they were quitting ECOWAS after the coups they staged soured ties with the bloc and interna-



**The defense chiefs from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) countries excluding Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea and Niger, gather for their extraordinary meeting in Accra, Ghana, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, to discuss the situation in Niger.**

Associated Press

tional partners. It's the first time in the bloc's nearly 50 years of existence that its members have withdrawn in such a manner. Analysts say it's an unprecedented blow to the group that could threaten efforts to return democracy and help stabilize the increasingly fragile region. The president of the ECOWAS Commission, Omar Alieu Touray, told reporters at the meeting that the countries' "hasty decision" did not follow the requirements stated by the association's protocol, including a one-year notice period before such a process could be completed.

"More importantly, the

three member states have not really reflected on the implications of this decision on the citizens," Touray said. Separately, senior government officials in the junta-led countries on Wednesday dismissed possible talks with ECOWAS over the issue, further diminishing any hopes of dialogue to resolve the crisis. While Niger's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the country is going ahead with the withdrawal plan "without delay," Mali's foreign affairs minister Abdoulaye Diop accused the regional body of partiality and failing to act in other countries where democracy is being violated. □



## Create museum memories

**ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.**

### Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising ver-



tical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

### Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including



the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the perma-

nent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □

## Papiamentu words and phrases you may want to know!

**(Oranjestad)—Aruba is a melting pot of different nationalities, cultures and languages. Primarily for this reason, the average Aruban can understand and speak Dutch, English and Spanish relatively well. However, as much as we pride ourselves in being able to communicate with almost everyone, we cherish our native tongue Papiamentu above all else. Want to learn some common words in our language? Here are a few basic words and phrases that can get you a hat tip from an Aruban.**

When you arrive at the airport in Aruba, one of the first words in Papiamentu you may encounter is "Bon bini." Bon bini in Papiamentu means welcome, and is probably the most famous Papiamentu word for tourists.

### Hi! Bye!

To be fair, there is no unique way to say "hello" in Papiamentu. At least, not officially. We often just use the English "hello" or "hey", or Dutch "hallo" to greet someone. We do however, always follow it up with "con bay?" or "con ta?" Con bay is a shortened version of "con ta bay?", which essentially means "how are you?"

The word "con" in Papiamentu means "how?" and is pronounced with a rounder "o" sounds, like in the English word "cone". "Ta bay" refers to how you are doing.



When we say goodbye, we use the word "ayo" (not like the Ayo Rock Formation, but also...kinda?). We may also use "te oro", which means "see you later".

### Greetings during the day

Most, if not all, languages have different ways to greet according to the time of day, and Papiamentu is no different. Since Papiamentu is heavily influenced from Portuguese and Spanish, some of these phrases may look very familiar.

1. Bon dia is used in the morning, up to about noon. Bon dia essentially means good morning. The word "bon" means "good", and while "dia" does not directly mean "morning" in English, it is used often to refer to the morning time.
2. Bon tardi. In the afternoon to early evening hours, we use "bon tardi" to greet people,

which means "good afternoon". "Tardi" actually comes from the word "atardi", which directly translates to "afternoon". However, the shortened "tardi" is used to keep the rhythm on the phrase. And the same could be said for our last greeting of the day.

3. Bon nochi. You guessed it, "bon nochi" means "good night". Just like "tardi", "nochi" is actually the shortened version of the word "anochi".

### Yes...no...maybe?

The affirmative and negative expression is very simple in Papiamentu. Just like Spanish, our yeses are "si" and our no's are "no". Pretty easy right? If you want to gain some extra points from younger locals, you can also say "se", which is a more casual affirmative used mostly by the younger generation. However, do note: some older generations may find this improper and not respectful, so keep that in mind.

### Thanks man...

Lastly, a word that we can also say more often is "danki", which means literally "thank you". "Danki" is derived from the Dutch word "bedankt". Though we don't really have a translation for "I appreciate it" in English, we do use "masha danki" to convey the message. "Masha" means "a lot" or "very", so "masha danki" means "thank you very much".



## Aruba Tourism Authority honors loyal visitors at the Caribbean Palm Village!



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors, Goodwill Ambassadors, and Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba—a truly honorable occasion. Each am-

bassador was presented with certificates, symbolizing their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the

Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

### The three honoring levels

#### are as follows:

**Distinguished Visitor** (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
**Goodwill Ambassador** (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
**Emerald Ambassador** (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

#### The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitor Mrs. Saveria Bosak from Massachusetts, United States, Mr. Robert Belley & Mrs. Alicia Azulay from Massachusetts, United States and Mr. George & Mrs. Patricia Bohne from New Hampshire, United States.

#### Goodwill Ambassador

Mr. Adam Bittel from Georgia, United States, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Cynthia Bittel from Georgia, United States, Mr. Wilson & Mrs. Jeanne Craig from Michigan, United States, Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Sandy Robbins from North Carolina, United States and Mr. John & Mrs. Patti Eiffe from North Carolina, United States.

#### Emerald Ambassadors

Mr. Michael & Mrs. Giovanna Roppatte from New Jersey, United States.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of the Caribbean Palm Village bestowed the honor certifications to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination as their home-away-from-home.

#### Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:

Mrs. Bosak: Aruba's year-round sunny weather, Aruba's warm & friendly people, Aruba's

casinos, Aruba's variety of restaurants to choose from, "To relax!"

#### The Belley's:

Aruba's relaxing vibes, Aruba's weather, Aruba's nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, Aruba's nice friendly people, Aruba's delicious foods.

#### The Bohne's:

Aruba's beauty, Aruba's friendly people, Aruba's safety, Aruba's warm weather, "The Caribbean Palm Village Resort!"

#### The Bittel's:

Aruba's beauty, Aruba's warm people, Aruba's perfect weather, Aruba's beautiful beaches, "Spending time with family & friends."

#### The Craig's:

"Aruba is very family-oriented," "Aruba is quiet," Aruba's weather, Aruba's safety, Aruba's beaches.

#### The Robbins':

"The Caribbean Palm Village Resort!" Aruba's varieties of water activities, Aruba's weather, Aruba's people, Aruba's atmosphere.

#### The Eiffe's:

Aruba's people, Aruba's safety, Aruba's weather, Aruba's food, "The Caribbean Palm Village!"

#### The Roppatte's:

Aruba's beaches, Aruba's safety, Aruba's cleanliness, Aruba's people, Aruba's warm weather.

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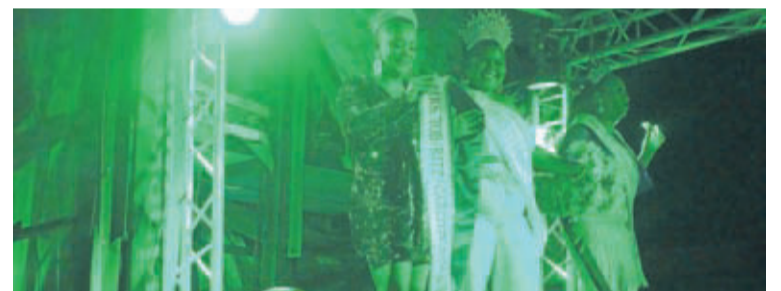
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**San Nicolas illuminated with the magic of Lighting Parade of Carnival 70!**



**Wednesday night, Aruba celebrated yet another Lighting Parade in San Nicolas with a display of colors, music, dance, and of course, many lights!**

While Aruba is in the middle of celebrating the 70th annual carnival season, one of the most attractive events are the Lighting Parades that take place both in Oranjestad and San Nicolas. The reason why it's most enjoyable and attractive to locals and tourists is not only because of the bright, unique costumes and beautifully adorned floats, but because this event takes place at night in a cool and breezy atmosphere.

This year, a total of nine groups participated in this parade, each one with a unique theme and original music, but all sharing the same festive ambience.

The group sequence for the Lighting Parade San Nicolas is as follows:

1. TOB Carnival Group
2. Champagne Carnival Group
3. OPC Carnival Group
4. Colors Carnival Group
5. Dushi Carnival Group
6. Royal Carnival Group
7. Infinity Carnival Group
8. Empire Carnival Group
9. Don Flip Carnival Group

Keep an eye on the carnival schedule during these last few days of the carnival season, which ends this weekend with the Grand Parades in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. □



## Episode CIII 103 - The Cocuy, a fading tradition

Today we will introduce you to real and very exclusive native liquor, the genuine Cocuy that used to be drunk in every main social event or celebration. The Cocuy is distilled from a plant from which its species reproductive system makes the cultivation what difficult and the cause of an important limitation for the commercial production of Cocuy as in large quantities. In addition to this, the plant, an Agave variety, takes approximately eight years to reach the necessary maturity to be used in the elaboration of this traditionally distillate beverage.



This drink is obtained from the processing of the juvenile flower stem of Agave, a native plant of the dry tropics American regions. It is a spirit drink produced with a high alcohol content and which, according to the characteristics of the area where it is made, providing very special an aromatic taste notes.

It is native to the central-western region of Venezuela and the ABC islands. The Cocuy was already known since pre-Columbian times by the local form

Lara and Falcón states of Venezuela including Aruba, although there are oral testimonies that certify that it was also prepared in the Andean states (Trujillo and Mérida). The original settlers belonging to the Caquetíos, Jirajaras and Ayamanes ethnic groups that populated these regions; they prepared a spirit drink from the fermented musts of the Agave they called cucu or cocui and it was used in their rituals and community events. This noble plant is also known as "the plant of wonders",

they also obtained natural sugars, soapy substances, fiber for the fabric of their hammocks, Pargata or espadrilles and bags; flowers and shoots were prepared as pickles, and the leftover fiber from the production process was used as a binder for their roofs and adobe blocks. For this reason, it constituted the fundamental base and sustenance of its economy. The customs of these peoples spread over to the coastal areas of Venezuela and the costal Caribbean islands.

It is made in an artisanal way, from the stalk obtained after removing the Agave leaves, which is baked and smoked in artisan ovens, covering the walls and bottom of the oven with river stones on which the stalks are



placed. Which are covered with the cut leaves of the Agave.

After three to four days in the oven, they are chopped and squeezed using a maso and a wooden vat, in most cases. Mechanical mills or presses are also used.

The juice obtained is subjected to a fermentation process using wild yeasts; In the fermentation process, the sugars in the juice will be converted into alcohol and other elements. Once the game is fermented, it is introduced to the still to obtain the liquor.

The stills are handmade; they are usually made of stainless steel or copper as the one in the picture, simulating the alembic intro-

duced during the Spanish colonization.

The first liquid that is obtained in the distillation is the glop called head or "baba" containing a high degree of alcohols and impurities and is used as fertilizer or for therapeutic use.

After a few minutes, a fluid called "body" or "heart" begins to come out, and is collected up to 50 degrees of GL alcohol, maximum graduation. The following fluid is known as "cola" and is not suitable for human consumption. The distilled product of condensation is filtered through a canvas that separates the residues, impurities and plant debris.

Once the Cocuy is distilled, it can be bottled or it can be aged in oak barrels obtaining an amber-colored liquid typical of the aging processes, which gives the liquor greater roundness and harmony.

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## Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

**SAN NICOLAS—** At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing

and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

### Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barber-shop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and



other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

Carnival Euphoria is showcasing Aruba's Carnival. See how are Carnival has developed over the past 65 years.

### The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations

in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up SunriseCity.

### Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has to offer. □



## Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

**(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.**

### Emergency services

Even though most people don't even want to think about having to contact emergency services—especially not while on their vacation, it is still important to know what number to dial in case of the unlikely event of an accident or severe incident.

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Police Tipline: 11141

Ambulance: 911

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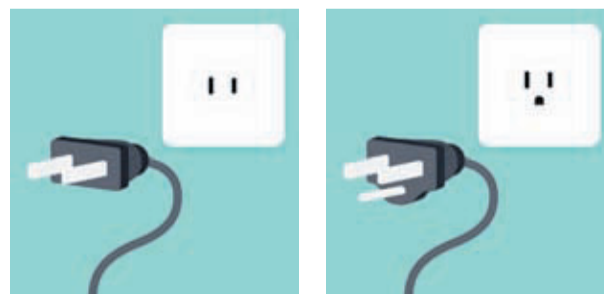
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### Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types

of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



### Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

### Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

### Taxis

Prices for taxi fair are set by the Department of Public Traffic and are based on destination rather than mileage. Most taxis can take up to five passengers, but this may vary depending on the vehicle. Taxis are pretty much always available and you can ever hire one for \$45 an hour.

### Safety

Aruba is one of the safest islands in the Caribbean, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belong-



**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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**2-9 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WELL, I KNOW NOW, I KNOW A LITTLE MORE HOW MUCH A SIMPLE THING LIKE A SNOWFALL CAN MEAN TO A PERSON. — SYLVIA PLATH

# Google rebrands its AI services as Gemini, launches new app and subscription service



Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai speaks about Google DeepMind at a Google I/O event in Mountain View, Calif., Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Associated Press

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
AP Technology Writer  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google on Thursday introduced a free artificial intelligence app that will enable people to rely on technology instead of their own brains to write, interpret what they're reading and deal with a variety of other task in their lives. With the advent of the Gemini app, named after an AI project unveiled late last year, Google will cast aside the Bard chatbot that it introduced a year ago in an effort to catch up with ChatGPT, the chatbot unleashed by the Microsoft-backed startup OpenAI in late 2022. Google is immediately releasing a standalone Gemini app for smartphones running on its Android software. In a few weeks, Google will put Gemini's features into its existing search app for iPhones, where Apple would prefer people rely on its Siri voice assistant for handling various tasks.

Although the Google voice assistant that has been available for years will stick around, company executives say they expect Gemini to become the main way users apply the technology to help them think, plan and create. It marks Google's next foray down a new and potentially perilous avenue while remaining focused on its founding goal "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful." "We think this is one of the most profound ways we are going to advance our mission," Sissie Hsiao, a Google general manager overseeing Gemini, told reporters ahead of Thursday's announcement. The Gemini app initially will be released in the U.S. in English before expanding to the Asia-Pacific region next week, with versions in Japanese and Korean. Besides the free version of Gemini, Google will be selling an advanced service

accessible through the new app for \$20 a month. The Mountain View, California, company says it is such a sophisticated form of AI that will it be able to tutor students, provide computer programming tips to engineers, dream up ideas for projects, and then create the content for the suggestions a user likes best.

The Gemini Advanced option, which will be powered by an AI technology dubbed "Ultra 1.0," will seek to build upon the nearly 100 million worldwide subscribers that Google says it has attracted so far most of whom pay \$2 to \$10 per month for additional storage to back up photos, documents and other digital material. The Gemini Advanced subscription will include 2 terabytes of storage that Google currently sells for \$10 per month, meaning the company believes the AI technology is worth an additional \$10 per month.

Google is offering a free two-month trial of Gemini Advanced to encourage people to try it out. The rollout of the Gemini apps underscores the building moment to bring more AI to smartphones devices that accompany people everywhere as part of a trend Google began last fall when it released its latest Pixel smartphones and Samsung embraced last month with its latest Galaxy smartphones. It also is likely to escalate the high-stakes AI showdown pitting Google against Microsoft, two of the world's most powerful companies jockeying to get the upper hand with a technology that could reshape work, entertainment and perhaps humanity itself. The battle already has contributed to a \$2 trillion increase in the combined market value of Microsoft and Google's corporate parent, Alphabet Inc., since the end of 2022. □

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# As DEI policies come under legal attack, philanthropic donors consider how to adapt



Founder of Students for Fair Admissions Edward Blum speaks during a news conference on the Supreme Court's decision on affirmative action in college admissions at the Press Club in Washington, Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Associated Press

By **THALIA BEATY**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Foundations and major donors aren't just watching court cases like the Supreme Court's June decision ending affirmative action at universities, the ongoing lawsuit against a grant program aimed at supporting Black women entrepreneurs, and other legal challenges targeting corporate diversity programs. They are mobilizing to respond.

Some nonprofits are financially supporting the lawsuits driving these cases. Others are calling for larger foundations to help grantees if they are sued or are offering legal assistance themselves. Leaders of nonprofits on both sides of the issue say that will intensify this year, even as some groups change the way they describe their work to try to sidestep the controversy.

One battleground will be the lawsuit challenging grants from the Fearless Fund, which awarded \$20,000 to businesses that are at least 51% owned by Black women, among other requirements.

A federal appeals court ordered the fund in October to temporarily halt its grant program in response to arguments that it discriminates against people who are not Black. The fund's attorneys have countered that the grants are not contracts but rather, donations protected by the First Amendment.

Leading the challenge against the Fearless Fund is Edward Blum, president of the American Alliance

for Equal Rights, a nonprofit that received less than \$50,000 in both 2021 and 2022, according to tax filings, but it's unclear who its donors are.

Blum is also the man responsible for spearheading the efforts to overturn affirmative action in university admissions. In that case, another nonprofit group Students for Fair Admissions, of which Blum is president received donations from funders such

as the The Searle Freedom Trust and the Sarah Scaife Foundation as well as from organizations that host donor-advised funds, like Fidelity Investments Charitable, DonorsTrust and the National Philanthropic Trust.

Blum acknowledged the donations in an emailed response: "Those donations were simply granted to us without any kind of a contractual agreement." The Fearless Fund has also received backing from the nonprofit world. The Council on Foundations, which supports philanthropic foundations and provides legal resources to its members to help them consider potential legal risks, submitted an amicus brief in the case along with the Independent Sector supporting the Fearless Fund's First Amendment argument. □



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# Review: 'Bob Marley: One Love' doesn't stir

By **JAKE COYLE**  
AP Film Writer

Bob Marley was born in 1945, the son of an 18-year-old mother and a much older white man who had nothing to do with his son. As a boy raised in poverty, he often slept on the cold ground. Five years after moving to Kingston's Trench Town, he made his first record, at 17. Not 20 years later, he was dead.

By then, Marley had become the face of not just reggae, Rastafarianism and Jamaica, but of revolution, resistance and peace. He left behind a body of work that has only grown more monumental with time. "Redemption Song." "No Woman No Cry." "War." "Trench Town Rock." "Get Up Stand Up." "Lively Up Yourself." "One Love People Get Ready." The Beatles could argue they were bigger than Jesus but no one thought like some did Marley that they were actually the Second Coming.

So, yeah, it's a lot for a movie any movie. "Bob Marley: One Love," directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green, is a noble but uninspired attempt to capture some of the essence of Marley. Its lived-in textures and attention to Marley's



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Kingsley Ben-Adir in "Bob Marley: One Love." Associated Press

political consciousness, just by themselves, are enough to make "One Love" something more substantial than many recent, glossier music biopics. But the power and complexity of Marley is still out of reach for "One Love," which takes a typical biopic framework in plotting itself around the run-up to an important concert with flashbacks mixed in. When footage of the real Marley inevitably plays over the credits, it's a

painful comparison to the ruminative but inert movie that played before it. The first thing you notice about the performance by Ben Kingsley-Adir, the talented British actor of "One Night in Miami..." and "Barbie," is that he's got the voice. His Marley has the growl and lilt of the singer's resonant Jamaican accent. But what the performance is missing is an absence so clear when the real Marley turns up is

the physical dynamism and charismatic velocity of Marley. The sheer vibrancy of Marley, who spent afternoons playing soccer and had at least 11 children in his short life, would undoubtedly be a tall order for most films. "One Love," set in the aftermath of a 1976 shooting that wounded Marley, follows a more contemplative Marley in self-imposed exile in London on tour in Europe, recording the 1977

album "Exodus" and ultimately receiving a diagnosis of cancer.

Marley was by many accounts a more private person than often remembered, so the rendering here is surely a genuine aspect of a man rife with contradictions. "One Love," which lists four screenwriters and was made with Marley's estate (Ziggy and Cedella Marley are producers), appears to have wrestled with finding a single portrait, and the movie's patchwork pacing occasionally shows signs of that struggle.

But just as he showed in "King Richard," Green is skilled at finding intimacy in the lives of larger-than-life figures. Early in "One Love," Marley and his band assemble in a smoke-filled living room to play "I Shot the Sheriff," and it's moments like these that work far better than those in the public eye.

The performance that bookends the film is the One Love Peace Concert, which was put on in Jamaica in 1978 as a way to heal the divided, violent country. Marley, during "Jammin'," brought the rival party leaders Edward Seaga and Michael Manley on stage. □

# Anthony Fauci will reflect on his long government career in 'On Call,' to be published in June

By **HILLEL ITALIE**  
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dr. Anthony Fauci has a memoir coming out in June, a look back at his long career as an infectious disease expert and the many outbreaks he contended with, from HIV/AIDS to the COVID-19 pandemic that made him famous.

Viking announced Thursday that Fauci's "On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service" will be published in June 18.

"I hope that this memoir will serve as a personalized document for the reader to understand better the daunting challenges that



Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, speaks during a press briefing at the White House, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, in Washington.

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we have faced in public health over the past 40 years," Fauci said in a state-

ment released Thursday by Viking. "I would also like to inspire younger individuals

in particular to consider careers in public health and public service."

Fauci, 83, was director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health for nearly 40 years, and was President Joe Biden's chief medical advisor until his retirement, in 2022.

Fauci served under seven presidents, starting with Ronald Reagan, but he is best known for his time during Donald Trump's administration, when he and the White House often clashed over how to respond to the coronavirus. Millions regarded Fauci,

with his raspy voice and plainspoken style, as the government's trusted point man during the heights of the pandemic. But he would become increasingly estranged from Trump, who favored a faster return to normal life and advocated unproven treatments. Republicans and anti-vaxxers have since criticized him relentlessly on a wide range of issues and have written books attacking him, including Sen. Rand Paul's "Deception: The Great Covid Cover-Up" and Robert F. Kennedy Jr's "The Real Anthony Fauci." Fauci had been involved in controversy before. □



## Trade deadline day: The Knicks took a big swing, and some shooters are now in the playoff race

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
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Bojan Bogdanovic left Detroit to join a now even-more-formidable contender in New York. Gordon Hayward is leaving Charlotte for one of the league's best surprise stories this season in Oklahoma City. Doug McDermott was once traded by Indiana to San Antonio, and now, the Spurs have traded him back to the Pacers.

None of those shooters were making playoff plans when Thursday started.

Trade deadline day in the NBA gave them and plenty of other players an entirely new outlook, plus may have even reshaped the start of the playoff push as well.

The Knicks made some big moves with eyes on contending in the Eastern Conference, Philadelphia added a sharpshooter in Buddy Hield with hopes that it can get back on track when or if reigning MVP Joel Embiid returns from injury, while Phoenix and Dallas added frontcourt depth. The Suns landed Royce O'Neale from Brooklyn and the Mavericks are bringing in P.J.



**Detroit Pistons forward Bojan Bogdanovic (44) drives on Los Angeles Clippers guard Russell Westbrook (0) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Detroit, Friday, Feb. 2, 2024.**

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Washington from Charlotte. "Lots of people got better!!! That's fun for competition..." Embiid wrote on social media.

Bogdanovic was averaging 20.2 points this season with the Pistons, who have the NBA's worst record so far at 7-43. He and Alec Burks are headed to the Knicks, a team that entered Thursday a game out of the No. 2 spot in the East

and managed to add without really subtracting the price was Quentin Grimes, Evan Fournier and Ryan Arcidiacono. Grimes began the year as a starter, then played off the bench. Fournier only appeared in three games and Arcidiacono made 20 appearances without scoring a single point in any of them. Hayward joins a Thunder team that started Thurs-

day as the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference. They're 35-16, entering the day with tiebreaker edges over two other teams Minnesota and Denver with the same record and a half-game up on the Los Angeles Clippers at 34-16. Hield left Indiana in a trade to the 76ers, and the Pacers seemed to try and replace his shooting by bringing back McDermott in a move

with San Antonio. McDermott spent three seasons, 2018 through 2021, with Indiana, so the trade was a homecoming of sorts.

Another homecoming: Kelly Olynyk is headed back to his native Canada, the veteran forward getting acquired by Toronto in a deal with Utah.

Milwaukee made a couple of notable moves, one by landing Patrick Beverley from the 76ers and pairing him with Bucks guard Damian Lillard; those two exchanged some heated words during last season's playoffs. The Bucks then sent center Robin Lopez to Sacramento; it is expected that Lopez will be waived by the Kings.

"I enjoyed being teammates with Patrick Beverley for all of an hour and 45 minutes I'll never forget those times," Lopez wrote on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter. Meanwhile, Dejounte Murray maybe one of the most talked-about players over the past few weeks of trade speculation remained in Atlanta, and plenty of other teams stood pat on Thursday. □

## NBA announces partnership with Emirates, including title sponsor of renamed in-season tournament

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The NBA has struck a multiyear partnership deal with Emirates, one where the airline will become the title sponsor of the league's in-season tournament which will have a new name and have its logo on referee jerseys in the NBA, WNBA and G League.

As part of the agreement, the in-season tournament will be renamed the Emirates NBA Cup. The trophy for this season's inaugural tournament won by the Los Angeles Lakers was called the NBA Cup, but the event had no branded name.

NBA referees will debut the Emirates jersey patch at the All-Star Game in India-

napolis on Feb. 18, while G League officials will have the patch starting in the 2024-25 season and WNBA officials will wear it beginning with the 2025 season.



**Philadelphia 76ers' Tyrese Maxey, center, goes up for a shot against Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, right, and Klay Thompson during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, in Philadelphia.**

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"The NBA is a valuable addition to our sponsorship portfolio as it allows us to connect with a vast global fanbase, including in the U.S., where the game is an integral part of the country's sport culture," Emirates Group Chairman and Chief Executive Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum said in a release Thursday.

Emirates has a long history of global sports partnerships, including ones at soccer, tennis, golf, rugby, horse racing and other events.

It has been a global partner of Real Madrid since 2011, has deals with AC Milan and Arsenal, plus has been a presenting sponsor

of tennis' U.S. Open since 2012 and numerous other pro tennis events.

With the NBA, Emirates will be part of marquee league events such as NBA Crossover part of All-Star weekend and the NBA Finals Legacy Project, which brings educational investment in the team markets of the teams that play in the title series each year. Emirates will also get branding through virtual in-arena signage and atop backboard during nationally televised NBA games.

The airline also will offer in-flight NBA content on all flights, including long-form documentaries, player profiles and interviews. □



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## The game. The ads. The music. The puppies. Here's why millions are excited for Super Bowl Sunday

Even if it's not the game itself, millions of Americans will find something to be excited about when it comes to Super Bowl Sunday and that's before even factoring in the influence of Taylor Swift. Four in 10 U.S. adults are extremely or very excited for at least one part of the Super Bowl day's festivities whether that's the game, commercials, halftime show or the Puppy Bowl according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. One-quarter of U.S. adults are excited for the actual Super Bowl game, where the Kansas City Chiefs will try to win their second title in a row when they play the San Francisco 49ers in Las Vegas. Another 27% are "somewhat excited" for the game, and about half say they are not too or not



Singer Usher sings during a rehearsal to honor the late Kobe Bryant prior to an NBA game against the Portland Trail Blazers at Staples Center Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, in Los Angeles.

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at all excited. This poll was conducted mostly before the Chiefs and 49ers (and Swift) were cemented to appear in this year's Super Bowl.

Three in 10 men say they are extremely or very excited for the Super Bowl game, compared to about 2 in 10 women. Black adults are more likely than white

or Hispanic adults to be enthusiastic about the game. Don Hallstone, who lives in Oregon but also spends time in Arizona, is especially fired up because he is a

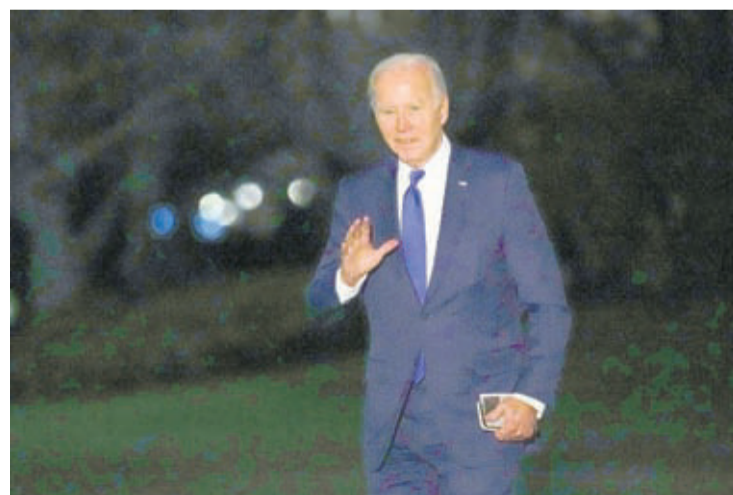
49ers fan. "I was excited about this matchup four years ago and it didn't go my way," Hallstone said of the Chiefs' 31-20 victory over the Niners in the 2020 Super Bowl. "I'm excited because Brock Purdy is such an interesting story." Purdy was the last player drafted in 2022, making his unlikely rise to a Super Bowl quarterback one of the main storylines this week. Another storyline is the Chiefs potentially on the cusp of building a dynasty, which has caused some fans to hope San Francisco wins. "I usually just watch the commercials and the half-time show," said Sally Mullins, who lives in Tennessee. "But I'm excited about the two teams that are playing this year because I want the 49ers to win. □

## Sports leagues promise the White House they will provide more opportunities for people to exercise

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — More than a dozen sports leagues and players associations, from the NFL to the PGA Tour, have promised the White House that they will provide more opportunities for people to be physically active and learn about nutrition and adopting healthy lifestyles. The White House announced Thursday that the leagues and associations are participating in the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities. The challenge was launched last year as a follow-up to

the 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. At the conference, President



President Joe Biden waves as he walks across the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, after returning from New York where he attended three fundraisers.

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Joe Biden announced a national strategy to meet an ambitious goal to end hunger and reduce diseases related to diet by 2030. The challenge calls on parties with a stake in the outcome to make "bold commitments" toward meeting the goal, according to the White House. Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, said it is "simply unacceptable" that obesity and Type 2 diabetes are among the leading causes of death in the United States. He said the leagues have "stepped up" to help Biden meet his goal by signing agreements with

the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition, an advisory body that exists to promote healthy eating and physical activity. The council is co-chaired by chef Jose Andres and Elena Delle Donne of the WNBA's Washington Mystics. Among commitments being announced by the sports leagues: The NFL will expand PLAY60, its national health and wellness program to encourage young people to devote at least 60 minutes a day to physical activity. The NFL will also integrate the importance of nutrition into its messaging for the program. □